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FOREIGN POLICY REVIEWED IN PRAVDA

SUMMARY: PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 7 CARRIES UNSIGNED
REVIEW OF RECENT COLLECTION OF BREZHNEV FOREIGN
POLICY SPEECHES AND ARTICLES. IN ADDITION TO
SERVING AS OCCASION FOR PRAISING BREZHNEV'S
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE PROCESS, REVIEW
RECAPITULATES RECENT ELEMENTS OF SOVIET POLICY.
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IT PLAYS UP IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH
WEST EUROPE, EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT ACTIVITIES
OF CERTAIN "CIRCLES" IN U.S., OFFERS INDO-SOVIET
RELATIONS AS POSITIVE EXAMPLE OF SOVIET INTERACTION
WITH THIRD WORLD, AND WARNS ABOUT CHINESE LEADERS
AND "MILITARISTIC FORCES" IN WEST. END SUMMARY.

1. PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 7 DEVOTES LOWER PORTION OF PAGES TWO AND THREE TO UNSIGNED REVIEW OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED COLLECTION OF SPEECHES AND ARTICLES AUTHORED BY BREZHNEV FROM HIS ACCESSION IN 1964 TO THE PRESENT. COLLECTION IS ENTITLED "ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET STATE." ALTHOUGH PRAVDA REVIEW DEALS WITH INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IN FAIRLY STANDARD WAY, THERE ARE INTERESTING ACCENTS HERE AND THERE AND A NET IMPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT U.S. POLICY AND INDIGNATION ABOUT PRC. PRAVDA REVIEW REINFORCES THE IMPRESSION, DERIVED FROM OTHER SOVIET STATEMENTS IN RECENT MONTHS, THAT THE LEADERSHIP'S PLAN IS TO PAY AT LEAST LIPSERVICE TO RELATIONS WITH WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS FRUSTRATIONS ELSEWHERE ARE ENCOUNTERED.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS IN PRAVDA REVIEW SEEM ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY:

-- COLLECTION OF MATERIAL IS SAID TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SOVIET TASK OF "CREATING FOUNDATION OF NORMAL RELATIONSHIP OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH FRANCE, FRG, U.S., CANADA, ITALY, ENGLAND AND OTHER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" HAS BASICALLY BEEN ACHIEVED (RESHALAS'). REVIEW GOES ON TO PRAISE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTANT CONSTITUENT ELEMENT OF DURABLE PEACE IN EUROPE, AND CITES IN PARTICULAR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND S/T FIELDS, INCLUDING IN LATTER CASE SPACE, "COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTION OF UNIQUE MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT." FRG AND FINLAND ARE ALSO SINGLED OUT FOR POSITIVE PARAGRAPH-LONG ATTENTION. BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO BONN IS OF COURSE MENTIONED.

-- CHANGE FOR BETTER IN RELATIONS WITH U.S. "IN BEGINNING OF 1970'S" AND THE RESULTING FAVORABLE IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE ARE DISCUSSED. "HOWEVER," REVIEW CONTINUES, SUCH DEVELOPMENT HAS NOT SUITED CERTAIN U.S. CIRCLES, WHO NOW ARE TRYING TO REVERSE IT, "FORCE THE ARMS RACE, SPREAD DIS-TRUST ABOUT USSR, IMPEDE NORMAL COOPERATION . . ." RELATIONS IN ALL FIELDS CAN SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOP -- PRAVDA REMINDS -- "ONLY ON BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EACH OTHER."

-- ON THIRD WORLD (TERM APPEARS IN QUOTATION MARKS),

REVIEW APPLAUDS USSR'S "ACTIVE STEPS IN SUPPORT OF
JUST DEMANDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR RESTRUCTURING
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON PRINCIPLES OF
EQUALITY" AND DOING AWAY WITH CAPITALIST EXPLOITA-
TION OF THEIR WEAKER MEMBERS. REVIEW NOTES USSR HAS
MADE "CONCRETE PROPOSALS" FURTHERING THESE AIMS,
INCLUDING IN UN, AND GIVES ASSISTANCE TO MANY
STATES. ONLY ONE THIRD WORLD STATE, INDIA, IS
SPECIFICALLY CITED. LATTER IS DESCRIBED AS
OFFERING "TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS
OF USSR WITH DEVELOPING STATES," AS A COUNTRY WHICH
IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN
ASIA AND WITH WHICH RELATIONS ARE DEVELOPING IN

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"QUIET AND EQUABLE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE."

-- IN SEGMENT DEVOTED TO PROBLEMS OF WAR AND PEACE,
OPPONENTS OF DETENTE ARE SAID TO HAVE "ACTIVATED

THEMSELVES" AS DETENTE PROCESS HAS DEEPENED.
PROBLEM OF "MILITARISTIC FORCES OF WEST" AND CHINA
ARE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED. FORMER ARE SAID TO
BE REACTING TO GROWING ACCEPTABILITY OF SOCIALISM,
RISING INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN BOURGEOIS
SOCIETIES, AND THEIR OWN DEFEATS IN "SOCIAL BATTLES."
THEIR RESPONSE IS TO PUSH ARMS RACE UNDER COVER OF
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A CAMPAIGN ABOUT AN ALLEGED GROWING "SOVIET MILI-
TARY THREAT." THE ACTIONS OF PRESENT PRC LEADERS
ARE DESCRIBED AS PRESENTING A "SERIOUS DANGER," FOR
THEY ARE RESORTING TO ANY MEANS TO RAISE INTER-
NATIONAL TENSION, "TO UNDERMINE THE POSITION OF
THE SOCIALIST CDMMONWEALTH."

-- BREZHNEV'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AND EASTERN
BLOC'S "NEW CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS" AT VIENNA
WHICH ARE "CAPABLE OF LEADING TO THE SUCCESS" OF
MBFR TALKS ALSO RECEIVE FAVORABLE COMMENT. TOON

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